

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE – Our Christmas Eve Service will be this Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 5:30 pm. It is a beautiful service, so be sure to invite your friends, family and neighbors.

MEN’S GROUP – There will be no Men's group meetings until January 6th. We hope you have a blessed Christmas and enjoy your time with family and friends. and enjoy your time with family and friends.

HOW WE ARE DOING

*General Contributions (12/15/24): \$ 510.00
Month to Date Giving: \$ 2,805.00
Year to Date Giving: \$ 62,168.00

ATTENDANCE

Church Attendance 20 Online Viewers 3

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Bruce Galinat, Billy Griffith, Aaron and Denise Johnson, Alex Marovich, Sarah Martin, Billy Rollings, Keith Sullivan.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:30 A.M.

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Keith Sullivan, Piano/Guitar

SPECIAL MUSIC

Choir

Keith Sullivan, Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God's Word became flesh, not by the act of man, but by the creative act of the Holy Spirit.

P: We believe Jesus' divine origin is God's way of making salvation available to all sinners.

L: Redemption is not ours to create or control. It is God's love, God's initiative, God's act. And it comes to us through his Son.

P: We celebrate, with joy and thanksgiving, the birth of God's Son, our divine Lord and Savior!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Mary Kate & Will

READING

Advent 4: The Wise Men's Candle"

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 2:1-12

PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN**

"What Child Is This?"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of compassion, have mercy upon us. You send forth your Spirit to us, yet we ignore the message. Christ dwells among us, yet we fail to obey him. We sing of peace on earth, yet do little to cease the hostilities. Angels herald glad tidings, yet we continue to commit evil deeds. Forgive our deliberate and indirect misuse of your grace, and make us worthy to bow down before him at the manger. In Christ's holy name we pray, Amen.

(Let all continue in silent prayer, followed by singing)

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God says, "For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." (Hebrews 8:12). We declare in the name of our savior,

We are forgiven.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Keith Sullivan, Piano/Guitar

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:26-38

Pg. 1588

SERMON

“Mary Did You Know?”

Lauretta Moore

RESPONSE

*HYMN

“O Holy Night!”

No. 148

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of
the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he
descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the
quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; (*the church universal*) the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Keith Sullivan, Piano/Guitar

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him
above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

*CLOSING HYMN

“Hark! the Herold Angels Sing”

No. 133

*CHARGE AND BENECTION

You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there. He has a purpose in your being there.

Christ who dwells within you has something He wants to do through you where you are.

**Believe this and go in His love to “glorify God, make disciples of Jesus Christ, and meet
human need”.**

*POSTLUDE

Keith Sullivan, Piano/Guitar

*Those who are able may stand